GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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Growth of Telecommunication Market
Kher Smt. Kirron

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country is witnessing fast growth of telecommunications market;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with growth statistics for the past three years;

(c) whether Indian cellular market is facing intense international competition;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether initiatives have been taken to boost the Indian cellular market; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b) Yes Madam. The service area wise total number of telephone connections in the country during the last three years are as under :-

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Year Total connections (in million)
31-03-2014 933.02
31-03-2015 996.13
31-03-2016 1059.33

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(c) & (d) No Madam.

(e) & (f) The Initiatives taken to boost the Indian cellular market are as under:

(i) Spectrum sharing, trading & liberalization has been permitted
(ii) Spectrum auction has been done so that there is no scarcity of spectrum.
(iii) Active infrastructure sharing has been permitted
(iv) Aadhar based e-KYC process for subscriber acquisition has been introduced.

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